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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF MS. ANN WEBSTER SMITH TO THE UNITED
NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

1. MS. ANN WEBSTER SMITH, FORMERLY DIRECTOR, INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL PROGRAMS AND PLANNING WITH THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, HAS
RECENTLY ARRIVED IN PARIS TO ASSUME HER NEW POSITION AS DE-
PUTY TO DR. ERNEST CONNALLY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INTERNA-
TIONAL COUNCIL ON MONUMENTS AND SITES (ICOMOS). SHE IS
SECONDED FROM UNESCO TO ICOMOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING
IN A JOINT ICOM/ICOMOS DOCUMENTATION CENTRE AND WITH WORLD
HERITAGE CONVENTION ACTIVITIES.

2. ICOMOS IS A HIGH LEVEL INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY COMPOSED
OF ADMINISTRATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PERSONS CONCERNED WITH
THE CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF MONUMENTS
AND HISTORIC SITES. THE GOAL OF ICOMOS IS THE SHARING OF
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THE DIVERSE INTERESTS AND TALENTS OF PROFESSIONALS HAVING

SIMILAR COMMITMENTS TO PRESERVING THE PRICELESS HERITAGE OF THEIR NATIONS.

3. SPECIFICALLY, ICOMOS PROVIDES INFORMATION TO THOSE COUNTRIES THAT LACK THE MEANS TO EXAMINE AND RESTORE WORKS OF

ART; ARRANGES FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIAL PRESERVATION PROBLEMS THROUGH MISSIONS; COORDINATES RESEARCH IN THE FIELD AND ASSISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH STANDARDS FOR PRACTITIONERS. THIS ORGANIZATION ARRANGES FOR THE COLLECTION, STUDY, AND CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY. ICOMOS ALSO HOLDS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND ARRANGES THE EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE IN ROME AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF MUSEUMS AS WELL AS THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION.

4. THIS OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT WILL BE FOR ONE YEAR WITH INTENT FOR EXTENSION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. INGERSOLL

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